

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 6, 2004

- I. President Pro Tem Martha Myers called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:07 P.M.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Greg Tatum, Senior Minister at First Christian Church.
 - B. Pledge – Martha Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: John Brown, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Ann Devore, Rob Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting – Robert Kittle moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Ann Devore seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 8, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY .89 ACRES AT 2600 HAWCREEK BLVD., COLUMBUS, INDIANA, FROM I-1 (RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) TO B-4 (HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT).” (Tom Weatherald) Roger Hunt explained briefly where the property was located. He indicated the property had received a favorable finding from the Plan Commission. George Dutro moved to approve the ordinance. Ann Devore seconded. The Ordinance passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2004, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Diamet Corporation) Vickie Gochenour introduced Larry VanEpps, Executive Vice-President for Diamet. Mr. VanEpps, on behalf of Diamet Corporation requested a tax abatement on real property in conjunction with a 25,000 sq. ft. expansion of its present facilities at 1751 Arcadia Drive, Columbus, Indiana. Said expansion is estimated to cost approximately \$1,050,000.00. They also requested tax abatement on the purchase and installation of new manufacturing equipment to be located at same location. Said purchase and installation is estimated to cost \$9,625,000.00. As a result of this expansion, 16 new jobs will be added. This is Diamet’s fifth (5th) tax abatement. Craig Hawes stated that the Incentive Review Committee met and found this company to be in substantial compliance. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution and Ann Devore seconded. Resolution for tax abatement passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 11 2004, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Toyota Industrial Equipment) Vicky Gochenour introduced Mr. Ken Kritzer, Engineering Senior Manager with Toyota Industrial Equipment Mfg., Inc. Mr. Kritzer spoke about Toyota and requested tax abatement on real property in conjunction with a 105,000 sq. ft. expansion of its present facilities at 5555 Inwood Drive, Columbus, Indiana. Said expansion is estimated to cost approximately \$9,800,000. Six (6) new jobs would be created as a result of the expansion. Craig Hawes reported that the Incentive Review Committee met and Toyota was found to be in substantial compliance. Craig Hawes moved to approve this 10th tax abatement to Toyota and Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2004, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE H.E.L.P. INDIANA BOND BANK PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS FOR THE AGREEMENT.” Mike Keogh, Director of Business Services for the Department of Park and Rec presented a resolution asking for council approval to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the Hoosier Equipment Lease Purchase Indiana Bond Bank program. Mike Keogh explained the program and reported that this was the third (3rd) year to participate in this program. After brief discussion, Ann Devore made a motion to approve the Resolution. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2004, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CDBG PROGRAM INCOME APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS.” Vicky Gochenour from Community Development and Trena Carter from ARA presented the Resolution. Trena Carter indicated that the use of these funds would make accessibility upgrades during the renovation and transformation of the building at 309 Washington Street into the kidscommons, a community children’s museum. Craig Hawes reported he had toured the facility and was impressed with it. Trena introduced Patti Stam, Executive Director of kidscommons and Cheryl Buffo, Project Director of the kidscommons expansion project. George Dutro made a motion to approve the resolution. John Brown seconded the motion. It passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- E. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2004, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Jim Norris, Public Safety Director asked the Council to move certain items from the “B” Priority list and approve the purchase of those items. There was discussion among the Council and the Clerk-Treasurer about the correct balances in that fund. George Dutro made a motion to amend the resolution to not exceed

\$100,000 in purchases until the final accounting for the city is brought before the Council. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. George asked Jim Norris to bring the remaining requests back to the council at a later date. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- F. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.____, 2004, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” (Transit) After brief discussion, George Dutro made a motion to postpone the hearing of the Resolution until a later date. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- G. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 9, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 28, 2003 ENTITLED “THE SALARY ORDINANCE” Brenda Sullivan, Clerk-Treasurer, presented an Ordinance asking that the Salary Ordinance in the Clerk-Treasurer’s office be amended to include two (2) part-time positions and increasing the maximum hourly rate. There was brief discussion. August Tindell made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance on the first reading. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Ann Devore made a motion to approve the Ordinance and John Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote 7 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Committee and Liaison reports were given for informational purposes.

- B. The next scheduled meeting of the Common Council is April 20th at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

- C. Adjourn – John Brown moved to adjourn. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned approximately 7:55 o’clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer